

Year 6 Leadership in Action

As part of their leadership role in their final year of primary school, our Year 6 students have been embracing their responsibilities with enthusiasm and pride. Throughout the week, students undertake a range of duties, supporting our school community in the playgrounds, on the oval and in the GLAD Centre. They also assist with a variety of clubs, offering help, encouragement and leadership to others.

Through these opportunities, our Year 6 students are building positive relationships with younger students, getting to know them, assisting them when needed and modelling our school expectations. Their willingness to step up, support others and lead by example reflects the important role they play as the senior students of our school.

At the end of Term 1 Worship Service, we proudly recognised those students who achieved Bronze Points Status towards their Service Badge. This recognition celebrates their commitment, reliability and dedication to serving our school community.

We thank all of our Year 6 students for the way they are embracing their leadership roles and for the positive contribution they continue to make each day. We are grateful for their efforts and are incredibly proud of how well they are representing themselves as leaders in their final year.





From the Principal - Mrs Valencia

Because our Students deserve a future built on hope!

Breaking Ground on an exciting future!

It is with great excitement that I share the wonderful news that our much-anticipated Multi-Purpose Centre (MPC) building project has officially begun. This marks a significant milestone in the ongoing growth and development of St Paul's. Stage 1 of this project will deliver outstanding new facilities for our community, including a sports court that will support physical education and school events, a future stage area for performances and gatherings, modern amenities, a dedicated staffroom, and an equipment store. These additions will enrich learning opportunities and provide spaces where students can thrive, connect, and celebrate together. We look forward to watching this vision come to life and thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm throughout this journey.



For God so Loved the World

As we approach the season of Easter, we are reminded of a message that sits at the heart of our faith. Easter is a time to reflect on the profound love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Through His death and resurrection, we are given the gift of hope, renewal, and the assurance of God's grace. This sacred season invites us to pause and remember that even in times of challenge, we are never alone. God's love surrounds us, offering comfort, strength, and new beginnings. May this Easter bring peace to your hearts and homes and may the message of Christ's sacrifice inspire us all to live with compassion, kindness, and faith.

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter. Mrs V xo





From the Deputy Principal (People & Operations) - Mr Keane

As we come to the end of what has been a busy and wonderful term, I would like to take a moment to recognise the outstanding effort shown by all of our students. Across classrooms, on the sporting field, and in the playground, our students have demonstrated persistence, curiosity, and a strong commitment to doing their best. It has been wonderful to see their growth not only academically, but also socially and emotionally. They should all feel very proud of their achievements, and we are equally proud of them.

As this has been my first term at St Paul's, I would also like to sincerely thank our students, parents, and wider community for the warm welcome I have received. It has been a genuine pleasure getting to know so many members of our school community already. I am grateful for the kindness, support, and openness that has been extended to me, and I look forward to continuing to build strong connections in the terms ahead.

With the Easter holidays now here, it is the perfect time for our students to take a well-earned break. It is important to remember that rest plays a vital role in children's development. After a full term of routines, early mornings, and focused learning, young minds and bodies need time to recharge. Rest supports memory, concentration, and overall wellbeing, helping children return to school feeling refreshed and ready to learn again.

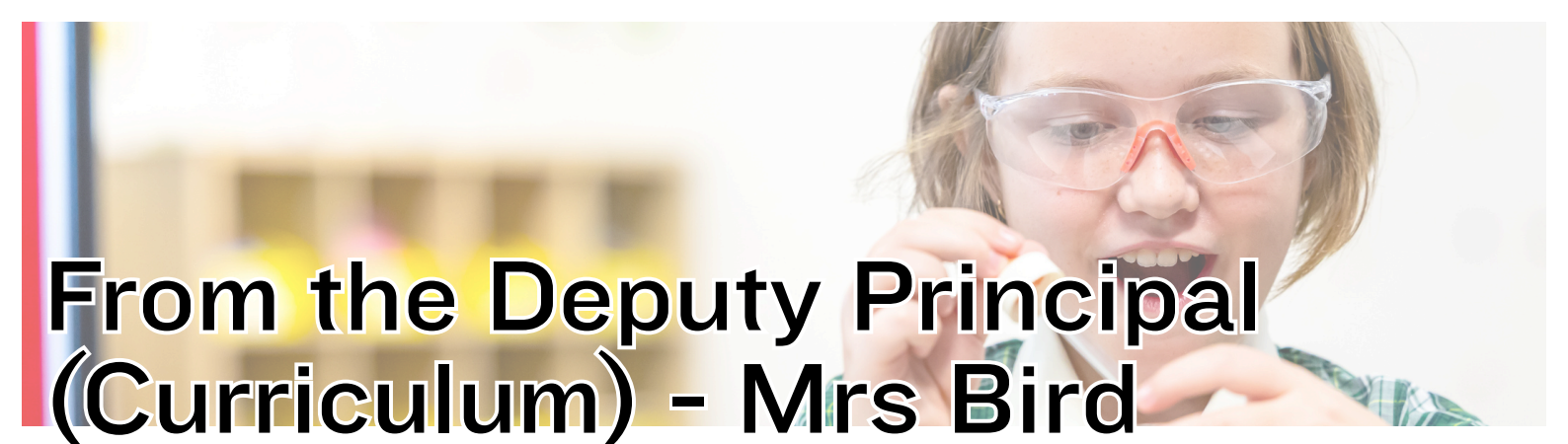
Alongside rest, play is just as important. Play is not simply "free time"—it is a powerful and necessary part of how children learn about the world around them. Through play, children develop creativity, imagination, and problem-solving skills, while also building social and emotional confidence. The Easter holidays also provide a valuable opportunity for families to slow down and enjoy time together. Whether it's sharing a meal, going for a walk, or simply relaxing at home, these moments help strengthen connections and create lasting memories.

While rest and play are key priorities, maintaining a small amount of routine—such as regular bedtimes or enjoying a good book—can help ease the transition back to school next term.

As always, student wellbeing remains at the heart of everything we do. By ensuring children have the time and space to rest and play over the holidays, we are supporting their continued growth and success.

I would like to thank our families once again for their ongoing support throughout the term. We wish all of our students and their families a safe, peaceful, and joyful Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back next term, refreshed and ready for another exciting chapter of learning.





From the Deputy Principal (Curriculum) - Mrs Bird

Building Strong Digital Skills for a Safe and Smart Future

Digital technology is a central part of modern life, shaping how we learn, create, communicate, and solve problems. At our school, we are committed to giving every student the skills, confidence, and character needed to navigate this digital world safely and successfully. This aligns closely with the Australian Curriculum: Digital Technologies, which builds students' capability step by step throughout the primary years.

Building Skills from the Ground Up

Digital learning in primary school begins with simple, hands-on tools that introduce sequencing, problem-solving, and safe use of devices. In the early years, students use *Cubetto*, *Robomice*, and *Beebots* (in Prep), and then move on to *Bluebots* and *OZO Bots* in Year 1. These robots help students understand the basics of directional language, patterning, and simple coding in exciting, age-appropriate ways.

As students progress through the year levels, their skills grow with them. Year 2 students use *Dash robots* and *Scratch Junior*, moving into *Micro:bits* and *Dash* in Year 3. By Years 4–6, students are ready for more complex programming and engineering challenges using *Micro:bits*, *Sphero*, and *LEGO Spike Prime*, alongside coding platforms such as *Scratch*. This gradual progression ensures students develop strong foundational skills and then extend them into more creative, analytical, and technical applications.

Critical Thinkers in a Digital World

Digital competence is more than technical skill - it is the ability to think critically about the information we interact with. Students learn to question online content, evaluate sources, identify advertising or bias, and understand how digital media is created. These skills empower them to make informed choices and become responsible, discerning consumers and creators of digital content.

Growing Responsible Digital Citizens

Being safe and respectful online is now an essential part of childhood. Through explicit teaching and real-world examples, we help students understand what it means to be a responsible digital citizen. This includes:

- Protecting personal information
- Using technology respectfully and kindly
- Recognising unsafe or inappropriate content
- Understanding their digital footprint
- Making ethical choices in online spaces

We want every child to see digital spaces as places where they can learn, contribute positively, and uphold strong values.

Partnering With Families

Families play a vital role in building healthy digital habits. Talking with children about online behaviour, setting age-appropriate boundaries, and modelling balanced use of technology all reinforce what students learn at school.





Arts@St Paul's

Our **Instrumental Music** program continues to flourish, with strong enrolments across all areas and a current waiting list in place. It is encouraging to see so many students committed to developing their skills and pursuing excellence in music.

Both choirs concluded the term with beautiful performances at our final Chapel service. The **Senior Choir** supported the staff band as backing vocalists for *My Redeemer Lives*, and confidently led *Together*, an original song written by Pastor James and Mrs Kirby. Sharing this original work in worship was a special highlight of the service and a meaningful reflection of our school's faith and creativity. Our **Junior Voices** delighted the audience with their charming rendition of *Wibbly Wobbly World*, bringing energy and joy to the stage.

We warmly welcome new singers to join Junior Voices and Senior Choir at the beginning of next term. It is a wonderful time to get involved.

Auditions for **Kids Rock Band** have resulted in an impressive group of young musicians. We look forward to seeing this ensemble develop as rehearsals begin in earnest next term, with plenty of excitement ahead as they prepare for future performances.

We are also excited to see new Arts opportunities emerging within the school. A **Dance Troupe** has recently begun, providing students with another avenue to express themselves creatively through movement. In addition, a student-led **Drama Club** has been established which is an encouraging example of leadership, initiative, and a growing passion for the Arts among our senior students.

There is much to anticipate in Term 2. The **Senior Choir** will perform at our school ANZAC Day service and will also share their music at the St Paul's Aged Care ANZAC Day service in the first week of term – an important opportunity to serve our wider community through music. We also eagerly look forward to two key events on the calendar: the **Twilight Concert** and the **Piano Soirée**, both of which will showcase the talents of our students.

Our **Year 3 Strings Immersion** students have now taken their instruments home and are well on their way to making music together. It has been exciting to see their progress already, and we look forward to hearing them continue to grow in the months ahead.

It has been a joyful and productive term for Arts @ St Paul's, with students embracing opportunities to learn, perform, and grow in confidence.

Thank you to all students, staff, and families for your ongoing support of the Arts @ St Paul's. It is a blessing to see creativity and music thriving in our school community.





Sport@St Paul's

There is no better way to finish the term than with a fantastic sports event like the Cross Country Carnival. Thank you to our fabulous St Paul's staff who make these events possible. A massive well done to all of our students who showed some outstanding determination and resilience to keep going in some really difficult conditions. I certainly hope everyone had a fun day and I am already looking forward to our next big event, ATHLETICS DAY!



Sport@St Paul's





From the Library (GLAD Centre)

Class Borrowing Days

- Prep: Friday
- Year 1: Friday
- Year 2: Tuesday
- Year 3: Thursday
- Year 4: Wednesday
- Year 5: Monday
- Year 6: Friday



Important Dates

April

Saturday 25th: ANZAC Day



May: Family Reading Month

Friday 8th - Wednesday 13th: Book Fair

Monday 11th: Premier's Reading Challenge begins

Wednesday 27th: National Simultaneous Storytime



The Importance of Reading for Pleasure

It's one of the most important milestones in any child's educational journey - **learning to read**.

Much of our teaching and learning in the early years focuses on this. Our fantastic reading program, Read Write Inc., helps develop confident and fluent readers. However, did you know that it is still important for children to continue reading and engaging with books long after they have mastered the mechanics of reading?

Reading for pleasure has been linked to various benefits. It not only improves **vocabulary**, **fluency**, and **comprehension**, but also helps build the **stamina** needed to read more complex texts (*What Kids Are Reading 2025*). For example, students who read for at least 15 minutes each day are more likely to encounter and understand millions of words during their schooling - words they might not come across in conversations or classroom lessons.

Reading for pleasure also helps children to develop **empathy** and **understanding**, as they are introduced to different cultures, experiences, and attitudes through the characters and stories they encounter.



So, how can we encourage our kids to read?

As a parent, you have a special opportunity to help your child develop a love of reading. Why not try some of these ideas?

- **Read Alouds** - Make reading aloud part of your family routine. Pick a book to enjoy together and read it aloud, complete with silly voices and sound effects, of course.
- **Talk About Books** - When it comes up, chat with your children about the books you enjoyed when you were young. They don't have to be traditional novels - maybe you loved comics, non-fiction, or magazines.
- **Encourage Series Reading** - When a child gets into a series, the familiarity of characters, stories, and settings encourages them to read more. It also helps build a sense of community and shared experience.

To help foster a love of reading, the GLAD Centre will be celebrating Scholastic's **Family Reading Month** in May. I'd love to see our families taking part in the activities organised. Stay tuned next term for all the details!





From our Chappy *Thankyou*

What an amazing start to the year! This term we have supported our local charity, Bright Bags, through our chapel offering and our gold coin donation free dress day.

Together we have raised over \$600, which will go towards supporting children in need in our local community. Thank you for your generosity and for helping make a difference!



As we celebrate Easter, here's a little Chappy Challenge for families: the next time you bite into a hollow chocolate egg, take a moment to remember why we celebrate Easter. Just like the egg is empty, the tomb of Jesus Christ was empty too. We believe that Jesus died and rose again because of His great love for us. Easter is a wonderful time for chocolate and fun, but it is also a time to celebrate with thankful hearts, remembering the incredible gift Jesus gave us. Because the tomb is empty and Jesus is alive, Easter reminds us that there is hope, joy, and new life for everyone.





From our P&F

Thankyou

The P & F would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful school community for your support throughout Term 1. Your involvement and generosity are appreciated and help make a positive difference for our students and school.

We are still seeking a volunteer to fill the Vice President Position within the P & F. If you are interested in getting involved and supporting our school in this role, we would love to hear from you.

Easter Egg Guessing Competition Winners

The winning number was 67 – Congratulations to all our Winners!

- 1st – Freddie (5A)
- 2nd – Ciara (6A)
- 3rd – Feyi (6A)
- 4th – Luca (4B)
- 5th – Deborah (4A)
- 6th – Kobie (6B)



Upcoming Events - Term 2

- 6th May – Mother's Day Stall
- 5th June – School Disco
- 11th & 12th June – Athletic Carnival BBQ

(We will be seeking volunteers closer to each event—even an hour or two of your time would be greatly appreciated.)

We wish all Families a Happy Easter and a Safe and Enjoyable School Holiday Break!

Michelle, Kerri & The P & F Team



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From the Church

St Paul's Family Service

This past Sunday at St Paul's Lutheran Church we had the pleasure of hosting our year 5 class and their families. A huge thank you to all of our students and their families for the wonderful way you helped bring Palm Sunday to life. It was a joyful and vibrant service as our students retold the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. With palm branches waving and voices lifted in "Hosanna!", the church was filled with energy, excitement, and a deep sense of celebration. The children did a beautiful job sharing the story of our humble King who comes in peace and love and helping to lead our singing at the service.

It was especially encouraging to see the confidence, enthusiasm, and care with which the students participated. Following the service, families gathered for a creative time together. Children made Egg Carton Easter Story crafts, helping them begin to explore the journey from Palm Sunday to Easter in a hands-on way. They also created palm crosses, which are now displayed in the church as a visible reminder of this special day and the story we share.

Thank you again for being part of such a meaningful celebration. It was a wonderful expression of our theme, Together: Bound in Love, as we gathered, worshipped, and learned side by side.

This week is a special week in the life of the church. As we reflect on the love of God our Father, shown most clearly in him sending His Son into this world to save the world from sin and death.

You are more than welcome to join us for our services throughout the week and weekend.

- Maundy Thursday (2nd April):** 6:30pm at St Paul's Caboolture
- Good Friday (3rd April):** 9:00am at St Paul's Caboolture
- Easter Sunday (5th April):** 6:00am at Bluey Jean Piva Park , Woorim Beach, Bribie Island; and 9:00am at St Paul's Caboolture.

May God bless you this Easter and throughout the school holidays.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor James (PJ)



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Upcoming Dates

April

- 2 - Pupil Free Day
- 2 - Parent Teacher Interviews
- 3 - Good Friday
- 4 - Easter Saturday
- 5 - Easter Sunday
- 6 - Easter Monday
- 20 - Term 2 commences
- 24 - ANZAC Day School Service 8:45am
- 25 - ANZAC Day
- 28 - Japanese Bento Lunch

May

- 4 - Labour Day Public Holiday
- 6 - P&F Mother's Day Stall
- 7 - Caboolture District Cross Country
- 7 - Mother's Day Breakfast
- 10 - Mother's Day
- 15 - GLC Bright Minds
- 17 - School Sunday Year 3
- 18 - P&F Subway Day
- 25 - School Photo Day
- 26 - Taste of Grace Year 4 and 5
- 27-29 - Year 4 Camp
- 27 - National Simultaneous Storytime
- 29 - Prep Incursion - D'Aguiar Wildlife
- 29 - Year 2 Planetarium Excursion
- 29 - Year 5 and 6 Gala Day 1



Year 5 Incursion with Wildlife Unleashed

